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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated March 1, 2001, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6, 093,113 to Mertens. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Mertens discloses a golf club having an improved sole configuration; the sole configuration comprises four cambered surfaces, a third cambered surface is located proximate a leading edge which is located at the forwardmost progression of a ball striking surface of the golf club head, and all four cambered surfaces are generally trapezoidal in shape.